Delhi on April 11, 2005. Article VII of this Agreement states, "In reaching a boundary settlement, the two sides shall safeguard due interests of their settled populations in the border areas."

The Special Representatives are exploring the framework for a final package settlement covering all sectors of the India-China boundary on the basis of this Agreement. There have been ten meetings of the Special Representatives so far. Both sides have agreed to hold the next (eleventh) round of talks between the Special Representatives at a mutually convenient time, to be decided through diplomatic channels.

Takeover of Singareni Collieries

*176 SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has proposed to takeover Singareni Collieries as part of its move to form National Coal Grid;

(b) whether any help or cooperation is sought from the foreign companies or institutions in the formation of National Coal Grid;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the share of the Centre in the Singareni Collieries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b).

(d) The share of Central Government in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is 49 %.

Non-performing contractors

*177. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has black-listed more than 20 domestic and foreign companies and put them in "non-performing" list for dragging Golden Quadrilateral Highways projects;

(b) if so, the names of such firms and the projects delayed by each of them;

(c) whether Government are also considering imposing penalty on non-performing contractors; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?